



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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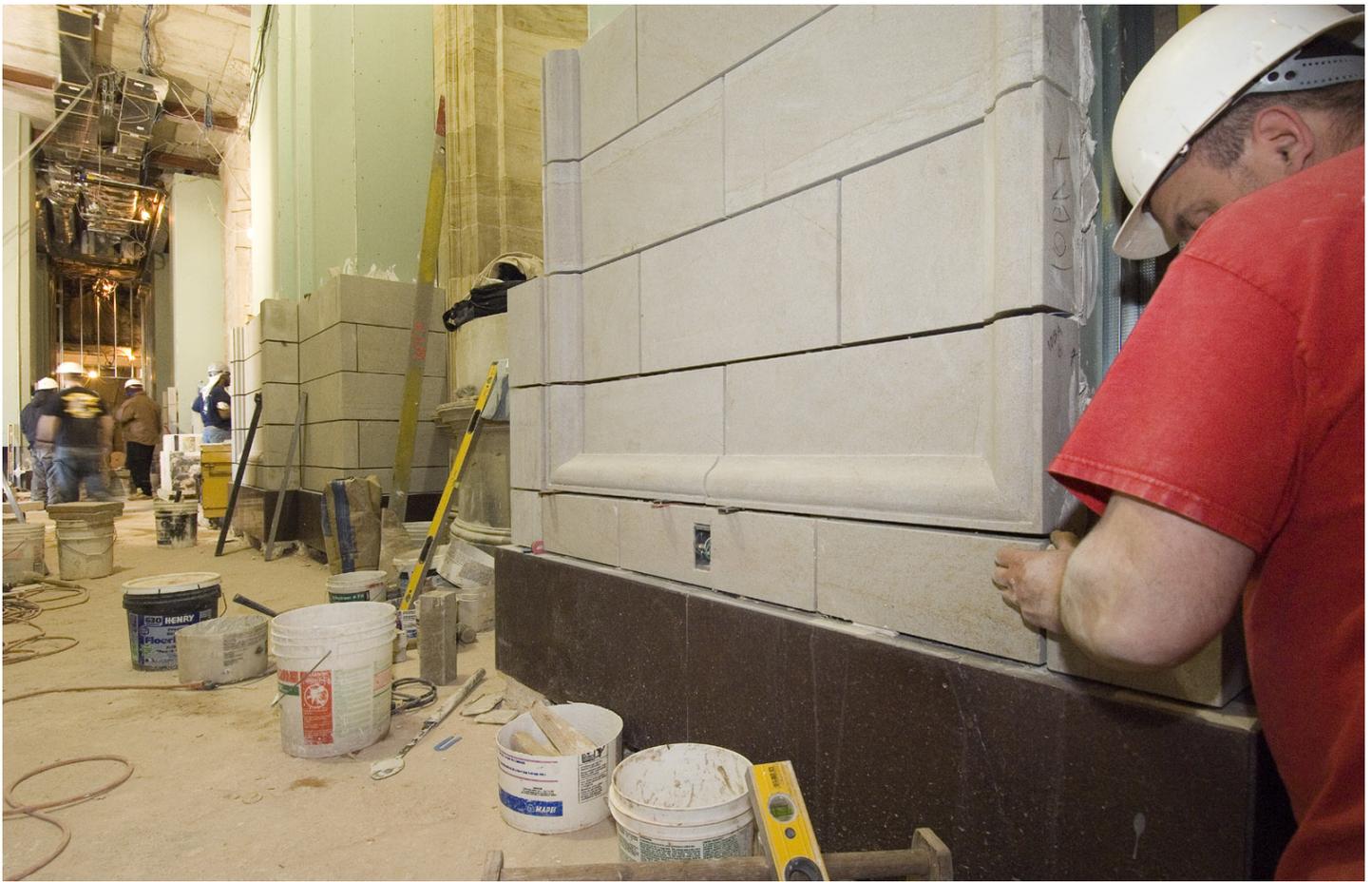
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A worker uses a forklift to position an escalator truss into place within the East Front transition zone between the Capitol and the CVC. All four escalator trusses are now in place within the East Front clearing the way for masons to complete the remaining floorstone work in that area.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/19/07 through 2/23/07**

- CVC site access has shifted from the east side of the Rotunda to the first floor of the Capitol near the Law Library doors.
- Carpet and chair installation is complete in the North and South Orientation Theaters. Workers have also installed all of the main millwork and fabric wall panels in both theaters and are now installing bronze railings.
- Masons continue setting sandstone in the East Front of the Capitol at the Rotunda Level (see photo opposite page). Scaffolding has now been set up at several locations to accommodate installation of the higher courses of stone.
- Workers have completed the ceiling work above the staircase and escalator paths in the transition zone between the East Front of the Capitol and the CVC. The escalator contractor has now installed all four escalator trusses into the transition zone (two trusses combine to make one escalator). Masons have completed setting the step stones on the central staircase and masons can now resume floor stone installation in the upper level west lobby in the area previously occupied by the escalators. Ceiling drywall installation and plaster work continue at the Crypt level.
- In the Exhibition Hall, plaster work is complete on the decorative ceilings above the virtual House and Senate Theaters. Drywall installation is complete on the House theater walls. Installation of marble is complete on the Wall of Aspirations and workers are now applying grout between the slab joints. Crews continue installing the glass floor panels down the center of the hall. Workers have completed installation of the central door frames and sliding panels and continue installing the steel elements that will support the last remaining stone around the Exhibition Hall center entrance threshold.
- Masons continue setting granite floor tiles in the Food Service servery area. Carpet installation is complete in the three main seating areas and floor tile work will be completed around these areas within the next two weeks. Cabinetry installation is ongoing throughout the servery area. Ceiling work is nearly complete in the kitchen area.



A mason aligns a block of sandstone to a wall inside the East Front of the Capitol. Scaffolding has now been erected at several locations in the East Front to allow masons to complete the upper courses of stone. By March, six mason teams will work to install 70 pieces of stone each day.

- Installation of fabric panels is complete in two meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium and millwork is nearly complete. Carpet installation is expected to begin in these rooms in early March.
- Masons have completed most of the stone work along the north entrance approaches and continue to set stone to the façade of the south entrance and the walls alongside the south entrance stair.
- Workers have nearly completed installation of electrical and telecom wiring below the Congressional Auditorium floor.

## **Next Week – 2/26/07 – 3/2/07**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Escalator assembly will continue in the transition zone between the CVC and the East Front of the Capitol. Ceiling work will continue at the Crypt level and stone installation will continue at the Rotunda level.
- In the Great Hall, masons will continue setting stone in the water fountains at the base of the staircases.
- Workers will continue installing the five-foot-square thick glass floor panels in the Exhibition Hall. Drywall and plaster work will continue along the walls of the Virtual Senate Theater. Ceiling panel installation will continue.
- Installation of bronze railings will be completed in the North Orientation Theater and continue in the South Theater.
- Carpet installation may begin in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Crews will continue to install wiring, ductwork and other sub-floor components in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of kitchen equipment and cabinetry will continue in the Food Service Area. Installation of granite tiles will continue around carpeted areas and kitchen ceiling panel installation will near completion.
- Masons will continue setting exterior stone along the CVC entrance zone.
- Floor stone installation will continue in the upper level west lobby.
- Installation of wood and bronze door frames will continue in many areas throughout the CVC.
- Installation of fabric panels will be complete in meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium, in upper level meeting rooms near the CVC transition zone, and in some corridor spaces.

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